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### Fearless

Those Easter brothers are at it again, tackling national snowmobile racing competition. We've got some great photos on page 17.



### Swan river

There was magic on the Gull River Easter weekend when a gorgeous trumpeter swan paid a call. See page 2.

### Breaking news

The on-again, off-again, hotly-debated Clean & Clear by-law will stir things up again this week. The Township of Minden Hills will hear comments from members of the public at a committee meeting Tuesday April 9, 1 p.m., in the Minden Hills council chambers. It should be interesting. See the letters section of this week's Times for a taste of what's to come.

## Minden welcomes curling champs

by CATHY OLLIFFE  
Special to The Times

It was definitely a busy week at the Minden Curling Club.

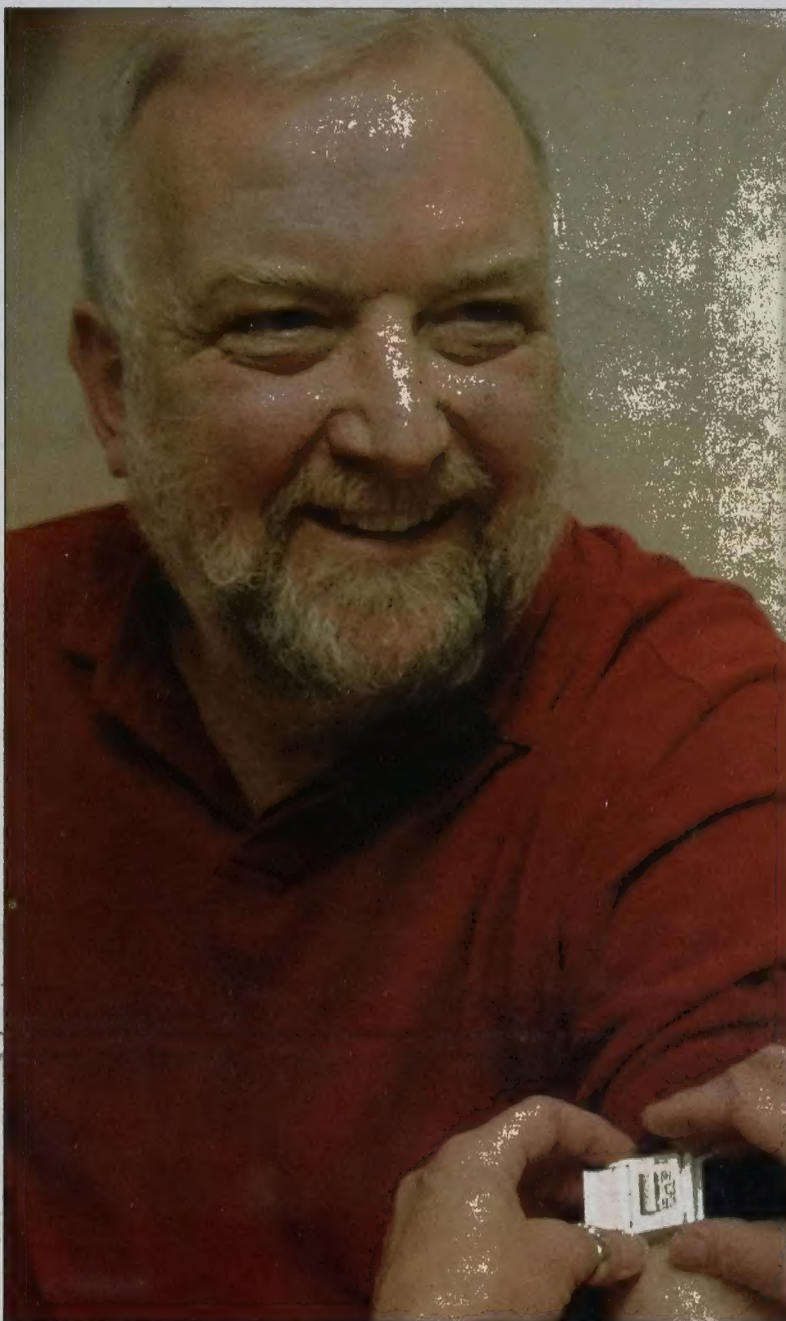
Sixteen teams from all across Ontario participated in the 2002 Pepsi Junior and Bantam Mixed Provincial Championships April 3-6 at the Minden club. It was a lot of work for local organizers and volunteers but it was all worth it for Rob Eaton, vice-president of the Minden club.

Even though it almost didn't happen.

On Easter weekend, just days before the prestigious tournament was about to begin, Eaton says the Minden rink ran into major equipment problems and almost lost its ice. "The motor blew on the compressor," he said. And after that was investigated, it was discovered there was an electrical problem. Eaton says there were a few terrifying moments when they thought they'd have to call the whole thing off. A call was even made to the neighbouring Haliburton club to see if their ice was still in - but it wasn't.

Luckily the mechanical problems

see IT WAS page 3



Allison Taylor/TIMES

### All smiles

Haliburton Highlands Health Services Chairman Jack Brezina shows how easy and painless it is to have blood tested at the new MDS specimen collection centre in Minden. Brezina and RPN Tess Tess pre-tended to demonstrate some of the services the new lab offers, after officially opening last week.

## New CAO takes helm in Minden

by ALLISON TAYLOR  
Times staff

There's nothing sticky about the new Chief Administrative Officer of Minden Hills.

With a refreshing smile that could light up any room and a personality that resembles a tranquil walk along the beaches of any lake in the county, Gerry Morrison arrived in Minden Hills last week with the bare essentials, including his suitcase, a plan of action and an instinct to be the glue that binds the township's staff.

"I see my position here as administrator, is to work with department heads," he says sitting at a well-organized desk on the second floor of the township's administrative office, where U-Links employees used to sit. "I get involved with the day-to-day operations but I do not interfere with the managers because they are the experts in their own fields. I am basically here to manage and work with the employees."

The key to that sentence, he says, is "working with people."

Just like Crazy Glue will instantly bond almost any two items together, so too will Morrison, well at least any two objects with-in reason.

After three days on the job, see NEW CAO page 4

## Beautiful music

The Highlands were alive with the sound of music last week as the Haliburton County Music Festival dazzled at Northern Lights Pavilion. Among the performers was a trio of women from Stanhope, the Tri-vocals - Chris Archer, Ellie Malcolmson and Jessie Pflug. Adjudicator Jan Szot was amazed they've been together only since Christmas. She complimented their "beautiful phrasing and really special moments." For more photos, see page 15.



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# Easter swan makes magic on the Gull

Sonya Proctor calls herself "a closet writer" who scribbles away at nature stories with the vague idea of some day publishing them for her grandchildren.

But something happened this Easter that transformed her — like the ugly duckling who became a swan, Sonya was suddenly a real writer "who wouldn't let it go."

The "it" in question was a stately, white swan that appeared on the Gull River in front of Sonya and Mike's dock. The couple lives on Deep Bay Rd., just a wee bit out of town, and while they have seen plenty of wildlife on the river, they had never, ever seen a swan before.

"We saw it Good Friday night and then on Easter Sunday it came up the river. It was beautiful. Magic," she says. "And we haven't seen it since. To me, it was like an Easter gift."

Sonya was so inspired by the swan that she sat down and wrote the following story. When she realized the bird was tagged, she did a little research and, with a little help from her friends, discovered a fair bit of information on the swan Sonya named "Easter."

The swan has caused quite a little stir on the riverfront community, with several people reporting seeing the bird.

Here's the story Sonya wrote:

## *The Easter Swan on Gull River by Sonya Proctor*

On Good Friday at 9:30 in the evening I passed the windows looking out towards the river as I often do. The lights were on

over the deck. It was raining softly; the snow was gradually disappearing. My eyes caught sight of a white, round object in the water between the two huge willow trees. It was puzzling. Often manmade debris floats down the river captured by the current. This object was not moving. I called to my husband, Mike, but he was more interested in the movie on TV.

I found the flashlight, slowly opened the door and shone it on this strange thing. There was a slight movement. It had to be a fair-sized bird curled up in sleep. Perhaps it sensed being observed as the feathers quivered. Very slowly it started to unfold. First the white head peeked out from under the feathers, then a very long slender neck appeared and the full majestic body stretched out. I couldn't believe my eyes. It was beautiful! I shouted in awe, "A swan!" My husband's masculine reply from the couch, "No, it's not. It's probably just a large, white goose." I was quite indignant. "Come see for yourself!"

Quickly donning my boots and jacket, I silently tip-toed through the rain and the mud with my trusty flashlight. By this time Mike was curious and I heard footsteps behind me. He had the presence of mind to grab the camera. I liked this enthusiasm. As I held the flashlight, he took the pictures. Would they turn out? This lovely bird floated regally before us then made a wide circle, disappearing downstream into the night.

We had never seen a swan on Gull River.

On Easter Sunday morn around eight  
see SWAN'S page 3

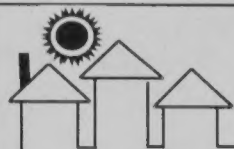


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Sonya and Mike Proctor ran out onto the dock with their dressing gowns on to catch a glimpse of a mystical white swan that appeared on Easter weekend on the Gull River.

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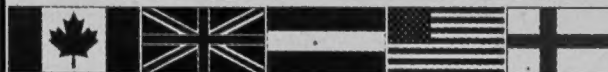
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Between a rock and a hard place: Bayview Country Club players work while Carleton Heights looks on.

## It was a really big week

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were fixed and the ice was pretty much perfect for the big event.

"It's busy," says Eaton – master of understatement – in the midst of the tournament. "There are lots of people around."

Planning for the tournament began three to four years ago with the Minden club bidding on a chance to play host – sort of like the Olympics. Numerous places wanted the chance but, as Eaton says, "We ended up with this one."

And, like the Olympics, there was a special opening ceremony featuring dignitaries like County Warden Eleanor Harrison, MP John O'Reilly and MPP Chris Hodgson.

There were no local teams playing in the round robin championships but Haliburton's team did come close, making it to regional competition. The Junior championship, for players aged 16-20, came from Oakville, Burlington, Port Carling, Royal Kingston, RCN Navy Ottawa, Sarnia, Owen Sound and Scarborough/West Hill. The Bantam champi-



Scenes from the opening ceremonies Wednesday night: above, players are piped in; George Hewitt delivers the first rock while Reeve Ross Rigney, MPP Chris Hodgson, County Warden Eleanor Harrison and MP John O'Reilly look on.



Sweeping action from the Blue Water Curling Club.

onship, for players 13-16, came from Ilderton, Chesley, Exeter, Owen Sound, Oakville, Ottawa (two teams came from the capital area) and Thornhill.

There may not have been any Minden players in this event but Eaton says there are some great youngsters in the game now and he's confident they'll make it to the provincials some time soon.

"We have some kids coming up who'll be there, I'm sure," he says.

Jake Walker, Ed Cyr Jr. and Connor Duhaime, for example, are all elementary school kids who have been playing in the mens' league with their fathers. "Nice young kids," Eaton says. "Great kids." And he has high hopes in them.

He says it's taken about 100 local people, working very hard, to get the championships off the ground. He especially credits Pat Woodcroft, the chairperson of the event, with her hard work.

Not to mention a little good luck in keeping the ice around.



Skip Chris Gardner directs the Carleton Heights Bantam team action Saturday morning.

## Swan's visit was a spiritual experience for Gull River couple

from page 2

o'clock, our Easter present returned. It was a joyful sunny morning. This graceful, wild swan elegantly floated up the river to greet us. There we were, a happy retired couple standing on the dock in our dressing gowns and winter boots taking pictures.

I was thrilled. We noticed the bird was yellow-tagged with the number 586. Our swan drifted serenely up the river with sparkling rays of sunlight dancing like a veil over the rippling, flowing water. That was the last we saw of our pure, white, feathered friend now named "Easter."

A lady walking her beagle on the road across the river yelled over saying we should phone the newspaper. And so I did.

A friend of mine who lives in the Toronto area called Barry Kent MacKay, who writes a nature column in the Toronto Star. He gave my friend the name of Harry Lumsden from Aurora, Ont., who just happens to be the expert on our Easter Swan 586.

Here's some of Easter's history:

1. Easter is a trumpeter male swan born in 1999 on the farm of Al Dunford of the Mount Albert area, north of Toronto.

2. On June 24, 2001, Harry Lumsden released this swan and one other in the Lake Scugog area. (Travellers who frequent the Highway 7A over Lake Scugog between Port Perry and Scugog Island have likely spotted one or both of

the swans swimming not too far from the busy road.)

3. From Feb. 28 to March 7 of this year, the swan was present in Lindsay on the Scugog River.

4. Then Easter graced us with his beautiful presence on Easter weekend 2002 on Gull River.

5. If you see any tagged swans, Mr. Lumsden would appreciate you contacting him to let him know about many swans he has released. Some of them have been killed but many sightings have been reported to him from various sites around Toronto. He can be reached by writing to 144 Hillview Road, Aurora, ON, L4G 2M5 or by calling 905-727-6492 or by E-mailing theholtentwo@cs.com

Sonya Proctor can be reached at 286-2733.







# CAO ready to tackle his new job

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In the meantime, there has been a rumour that macaroni and cheese has been an item on his menu at least once in the last week.

Arriving on the heels of the Clean and Clear bylaw doesn't seem to cause concern for Morrison, as there were several "big issues" that his council encountered in Cramahe, the largest being the SuperJail application.

As it turned out, his township was short-listed for the opportunity to house oodles of prisoners, but the prize when to Lindsay.

"It is a summer I will remember forever," he said reflectively. "Virtually I ate, slept and drank SuperJail. It was really exciting."

Now he is preparing to enter the realm of Clean and Clear in Minden Hills.

"It is my opinion that most municipalities have that type of bylaw in place, in fact we've had one in Cramahe for years," he said.

With a little experience dealing with a similar bylaw, Morrison said the enforcement is key to the Clean and Clear, and avoiding heavy hands.

"It's all about how people not abiding by the bylaw in Cramahe were approached," he said citing the example of the bylaw in place in his former township.

"People who make a complaint should remain confidential," he said. "But at the same time, at least where I come from, council never took a complaint seriously unless it was in writing and then the process would filter through the various levels."

Morrison said that in most cases the ratepayers came through, in the rare case they didn't, the issue was then brought before council.

As CAO Morrison isn't here talk issues, he is here to work with and for the ratepayers, the staff and the councillors.

"I think we have some very qualified individuals in this community," he said. "They are an asset and when they come to work they are here for the ratepayers and to keep the costs down."

Just like Minden, Cramahe Township recently underwent amalgamation, but the new and different challenges, and especially municipal politics, are some of the things that get Morrison out of bed each morning.

"Every day brings new adventures and I enjoy meeting people and I enjoy being with staff," he said. "Not only seeing all the different opinions and ideas in the community but I also enjoy working with the ratepayers and attempting to resolve issues."

As his prized possession, the Maple Leaf jacket sitting on the back of a chair in his developing make-shift office space, Morrison says that surfing the Internet and watching hockey, baseball and football is the best way to relieve stress.

He says he wears his Leaf's jacket wherever he goes.

"I try not to go anywhere without it," he said laughing.



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# Improving trail signage a high priority for Algonquin Highlands councillors

by ALLISON TAYLOR  
Times staff

The following is a brief report of items discussed at the April 4 council meeting of Algonquin Highlands.

## Hiking Trail Signage

No one is likely to get lost on the trail system in Algonquin Highlands, now that the township has agreed to improve signage along the trails.

Council will purchase 500 4"x 4" light blue, square signs at a bargain rate of 56 cents each. With some roofing nails, screws and golf tees added to the bill, the signs will cost the municipality around \$300.

With so many trails in the township, Councillor Kerry Lock said the signs were essential.

"It's really a safety issue," said Reeve Eleanor Harrison, agreeing with Lock.

"These are trails where people could easily get off track."

Algonquin Highlands CAO Gerald Bain said there has been an incident in the past where two people didn't make it out of the trails until well after dusk.

"If that is going to happen then the signs are even more important," Harrison said. "If we are going to have trails, we need to make sure they are marked very clearly for anyone who is using them."

Along with the identification markers, the township will also post trail head maps with a few instructions for passing hikers. The public works department is constructing two stands for the maps, to be used strategically on the trails.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed was a little upset over grant money the provincial government was doling out to Huntsville for the trail system.

"They are getting all these grants and we

aren't getting anything for our side of things here," Shortreed said.

## Landfill Signs

Everyone seems to be thinking about signage in Algonquin Highlands.

Could it be the change in weather? Doubtful, since the snow won't relent.

So, perhaps it was some pre-planned notion from various committees in the municipality to convince council to start installing more signs in the area. Then again, maybe it was just a coincidence! Whatever the situation, while the trails and tours network was comparing prices on signage, the waste management committee was doing the exact same thing.

<Insert eerie music here.>

"The signs are starting to look pretty shabby," Lock said.

Councillor Jim Hicks brought the number crunching to the table, complete with a price list for signage at all five landfill locations in the township. Prices could start at \$3,000.

One 12 X 36 sign will be placed at each gate saying, recycling required, please do your part.

Hicks said the committee had a lengthy conversation over the use of the word "please" on these signs.

Another 14 X 36 sign will be placed at the edge of the landfill advising people of what is permitted in the dump.

There will also be portable signs to be moved with recycling bins.

"I think it's critical to get everyone to recycle, when we place such emphasis on it ourselves," said Public Works Superintendent, Brian Whetstone.

Chief Administrative Officer Gerald Bain said there would likely be money available

in the restructuring fund for signs at the landfills.

"In that case, the price is \$5,000," joked Whetstone. "Inflation suddenly went up."

With roars from the council table, Whetstone said seriously that the township could spend much more than the originally proposed amount of \$3,000.

"If there's money available then we can do a cracker of a job on the entrance signs," he said.

Lock said the signs would be nice for people entering the landfills.

Council decided to hold off on making a decision until after budget deliberations later this month. "It shouldn't take long to have the signs made once we give the go ahead," Harrison said.

## Recycling Depot

Maple Lake landfill patrons could soon be taking advantage of a new recycling depot.

The building, to act as an ongoing flea market, will be a place for people to drop off items they no longer want or use, and be able to pick up other previously enjoyed items as well.

"I think it will really be useful," Harrison said. "People can take stuff in and take stuff out. Although we run into the risk of having more takers than givers."

The idea is not new, as the township already has a similar facility at the landfill in Dorset. The only glitch in the plan is lack of a building.

Whetstone said the township could pick up an inexpensive building for \$500.

Deputy-Reeve Don Shortreed was worried about locking the building to keep vandals away.

Council agreed the depot or recycling see FIREFIGHTERS page 7



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## Firefighters raise over \$4000 to help families of workers killed in New York

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building should not be locked, to encourage people to use it at their own leisure.

However, concerns of stability and endurance of the building were raised, and the council wanted to pursue other possibilities.

"Five hundred dollars isn't bad," Harrison said, "but if the building will be more permanent we should take the issue to budget."

No final decision will be made on the issue until after budget time.

### Firefighters show their stuff

Firefighters in the township of Algonquin Highlands raised over \$4,000 for Project Maple Leaf, a fund-raising initiative in support of the families of firefighters, police officers and EMS personnel who lost their lives on Sept. 11 in New York City.

"It is quite a feat that our firefighters raised that kind of money," said Harrison.

Council received a copy of a letter addressed to the Dorset Volunteer Firefighters Association from the Fire Marshal's Public Fire Safety Council and the National Fire and Life Safety Foundation.

With the help of local firefighters, the campaign raised over \$200,000 for the Twin Towers Fund and the initial cheque presentation was made on Dec. 1 at a rally in New York.

Councillors expressed pride in their firefighters for taking the initiative in this matter.

### Ready for 911

Speaking of emergencies and 911 situations, council reported that firefighters in Algonquin Highlands are willing to do whatever they can to help Haliburton



Algonquin Highlands councillor Kerry Lock and CAO Gerald Bain discuss issues at a meeting April 4

County's 911 program stay on track.

The troops of firefighters and other volunteers are organizing themselves with road captains and teams of people prepared to assist the endeavour.

Harrison said the volunteers should be commended on their willingness to step-up to the plate.

### Community Reinvestment Program

The players have stayed the same but the cards have changed in the way the community reinvestment funding program handles the application process for the grant money.

While the Township of Algonquin Highlands will still be in line for the same

amount of funding, which this year is around \$248,000, council will be saved the hassle of being buried in endless piles of paper and form-filling expeditions.

What was once a "complicated and complex method of qualifying for the grant," Bain said, has been simplified by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

This year AMO recommended each

municipality pass a resolution agreeing to use the funding for the direct benefit of taxpayers. In return for the resolution, which AMO provided for the municipality, all council had to do was pass the resolution and live up to the agreement.

In no time, the township should receive the funding money.

Needless to say, no one on council had any objections.

### Couple congratulates township

The winter weather just won't seem to go away.

In a letter to Algonquin Highlands council, Paul and Jacqueline Martin congratulated the township for its "bold move in the installation of a weather station at the [Stanhope] Airport."

This installation will make the site a regular stop for anyone checking on cottage weather in the area," they wrote.

The couple owns a vacation home on Mountain Lake and are looking into purchasing a single engine aircraft and taking advantage of the facilities at the airport.

### Emergency Preparedness Week

Knowing what to do in case of a tornado, an earthquake or even a flood is not something many residents in Algonquin Highlands would put on their resume.

So the township is going to help promote Emergency Preparedness Week, an annual event held across Canada designed to build public awareness of these risks and how to plan and be prepared for any type of emergency.

During the week, which this year runs from May 6-12, a variety of events and activities are organized in the communities of every province and territory of Canada.

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## EDITORIAL COMMENT

### Where is the efficiency?

The goal of the municipal amalgamation process was to streamline the system and make it more efficient and cost effective. Having committee meetings two days each month and one full council meeting a month has been in effect in the Township of Minden Hills for more than a year. The system works, but are three meetings a month an efficient use of time and human resources?

The final decision on issues is made at only one of those three sessions – the full council meeting. The committee meetings, which take place on the second Tuesday and Thursday of each month, result in recommendations which are presented to the full council on the fourth Thursday of the month. Unless a special meeting is called, decisions are made by council just once a month.

Maybe it is time for Minden Hills Council to seriously consider going back to two council meetings a month and eliminating the committee of council structure.

Two full council meetings each month would eliminate rehashing of committee recommendations and expedite the decision-making process. The time frame between council meetings, where the ultimate decisions are made, would only be two or three weeks.

Under the current system, if a member of council who is not on one of the committees comes up with a legitimate argument against that committee's recommendation, the issue is often sent back to the committee for further discussion and revision or presentation of a stronger argument for the original recommendation. If the committee meeting is on the second Tuesday of the month, for example, the recommendation doesn't go to the full council meeting for approval until the fourth Thursday of the month. Any issue that is referred back to the committee is delayed for another month, or six weeks from the original committee meeting when it was first discussed.

That's neither efficient nor expedient.

Discussions are important to make sure the right decisions are made. Many issues are debated at length by the committees, only to be discussed extensively again at the full council meeting. There is a point where discussions get in the way of decision-making.

By having two full council meetings a month, important issues can be brought back to the council table within two or three weeks, if further information is needed to make an informed decision. When decisions must be made in a timely manner, two council meetings a month would, in most cases, speed up the process without the necessity of calling a special meeting.

Special meetings are sometimes necessary and although members of council are not paid extra for these meetings, with the possible exception of mileage, there is always a cost involved in staff time.

That staff cost is not necessarily in dollars. Extra meetings pull valuable human resources away from day to day operations. Although department heads can be a valuable asset at these meetings, the fewer they are required to attend, the more time they have to manage the affairs of the municipality.

Although we haven't heard any complaints, it must be frustrating for staff members who sit through these meetings, knowing their work is still waiting to be done when the meetings are over and the council members have gone home. Frustrated staff members can't be expected to perform at optimum capacity. At least one member of council has suggested going back to two full council meetings each month. It was agreed that the current system should be given a year to assess its value.

It has been more than a year. It's time to weigh the pros and cons and make a decision.

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IMAGES OF THE HIGHLANDS

Fading signs of winter near Donald

by JERRY GROZELLE/TIMES

## TO THE EDITOR

Times readers write

### More news from Kandahar

*Editor's note: Letter writer Steven Fleenor is a member of the U.S. military, presently stationed in Afghanistan. He has spent a good deal of time in the Haliburton Highlands, since his parents have a cabin near Gelert. This is his second letter to The Times. His first was published in the March 11 edition.*

#### To the Editor:

How's everything in Minden?

Things here in Kandahar are more or less the same. We have seen no action in a few weeks, at least nothing worth telling. I can, however, now tell you some good news about the Canadian troops. Operational security had prevented me from telling you until now.

Two weeks ago, most of the Canadian troops stationed here left literally overnight. They had been ordered to the front line of the fight farther north. Needless to say, myself and they were very worried. You see, I've made several good friends and I knew they were going where they had a good chance of being wounded, or worse. My heart was heavy for them, and most of all, their families. You see, they left under such secrecy that they were not allowed to contact those people back home that they loved the

most.

I did everything possible to help them in this matter. I mailed letters from several people to their parents and wives back home. I wasn't supposed to, but it was the right thing to do. Who knew what was down the road for these guys? We sure didn't know and I guess a lot of guys wanted to tell their loved ones how they felt, just in case.

I felt the responsibility to do what I could as a friend. I didn't care about what might happen to me if my chain of command found out.

Anyway, the letters home written/mailed, my friends and your countrymen packed up and left. I wished them the best and we did the traditional address exchange. The next day, they were gone and a strange emptiness fell over the camp here at KIA (Kandahar International Airport).

My friends were gone and who knew if I'd ever see them again. You hate to think about that, but it is war.

For the past two weeks I've been so worried about those guys that I've been in a daze. I would go by the Canadian MP tent every other day or so just to get any news that they would tell me. Most of the time there was no news.

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## IN OTHER WORDS

Columnists and Letters to the Editor

## Wetting your whistle the computerized way

What'll they think of next? In England, pubs are now testing intelligent steins that monitor how much beer the customer has consumed. Once empty these smart-glasses alert servers when refills are needed. This, of course, is just the tip of the iceberg.

In the future, I expect bars to be fully computerized.

Imagine sitting down with a few friends and ordering a round of suds. Conversation is civil; laughter is polite. Soon you finish your beer and the mug signals the waitress who promptly arrives with a refill. Everyone is thrilled with the service and someone proposes a toast to the genius who created these glass Godsenders.

The gang chugs its brew, the cheerful waitress shows up again, almost unexpectedly. Another round? Why yes, you say and this one's on me.

By this time, there's animated conversation and a fine time is being had by all. It's made better because the smart mug remembers to phone home and explain the delay to your spouse. In fact, he sends roses and

smooths things over. Immediately, the waitress is back with more good cheer.

This is only fair because you are parched after having practically solved the problem of how to manage the Leafs' and maintain Canadian unity. You stumble over to the men's room feeling pretty good.

As you undo your fly, the sink calls out nervously, "Not here! Please." Smiling, you follow clear directions to the toilet and return the rented beer. Fortunately, the smart-toilet using newly-released military, exact-aim technology moves to intercept your every gyration. Left, right, up down, it doesn't miss a thing. You finish your business and return, but not before the intel-mirror reminds you to tuck your shirt back in and zip up your fly.

Now, the beer glasses are leading a rousing and off-key sing-a-long. Your glass is

telling you how you are his best friend in the whole wide world and laments about how his wife doesn't understand him. You, of course, let him in on a few secrets too. You both cry in the same beer.

The gyroscopic chairs kick in. For every wobble you instigate, the chair counters with another so that the horizon stays calm and level. Someone buys another round, toasting the fact that no one is under the table, thanks to the automatic seatbelts.

Fishing stories begin. You attempt to top them all. Of course, no one would believe you if not for the fact that the mug, backs you up. "It's true," he stammers, "Eight pound perch!"

Before long, you notice the pretty young woman at the end of the bar. By the way she's smiling and laughing, you know that she must be under siege by the handsome,

well-dressed, attentive fellow. It's time to prove that chivalry isn't dead. Your mug agrees and says that he'll back you up. He even offers some liquid spine.

As you shuffle over and belch, it's obvious that pretty young woman is giving you the eye. Let's be honest, she's smitten with you. The fact that she's ignoring you only proves that she's playing coy. Sadly, you've decided to let her down gently and tell her about your wife. You caution that it'd be better for both of you if she would just love you from afar. Her professional heavy-weight boxer boyfriend agrees. Of course, you decide to set the big creep straight, fiancé or not. She's too good for him.

Later, your mug explains this to the police officer and paramedics who he, in fact, called.

As they drag you off, you smile a broken-toothed smile and wave goodbye. The mug says see you next time. You say yes, proving once again that artificial intelligence isn't all it's cracked up to be.



## BEYOND 35

Steve Galea

## What's in a name? Sometimes trouble

I just ran into a guy I know down at the coffee shop. He was handing out cigars. "New baby?" I guessed cleverly. "Yup" said the guy. Eight-pound baby girl. We're calling her Charity."

Which would be fine, I guess - if the guy's last name didn't happen to be Case. Maybe the nurses will talk them out of it.

Mums and Dads... think long and hard before you saddle your newborns with monikers they have to carry for the rest of their lives. Keep it in mind that there are two Frank Zappa offspring who will, 'til they draw their last breath, answer to 'Moon Unit' and 'Dweezil'. Never forget that there's a university student in New York whose name is Rosetta Stone. And a chartered accountant in New Zealand named Genghis Cohen. And a Catholic Archbishop in Malta who answers to Cardinal Sin.

Names are like hand grenades. You never know when one is going to blow up in your face.

Ask the folks at Beaver College down in Pennsylvania. It was an innocent-enough name back in 1853, when the college was founded. And the institution came by the name honestly - the college was originally situated in Beaver County, Pa.

But the college has moved, and so have The Times. Tell someone you're going to Yale, Harvard, McGill or Simon Fraser and you get a little respect. Tell them you're studying at Beaver College and you get snickers, smirks and remarks like "You gotta be kiddin'!"

David Letterman has made fun of Beaver College on Late Night. Howard Stern has mocked it on his radio program.

Freshman Aimee Drumheller says it's hard to live with. She says when friends

erupted in laughter at the mention of her Alma Mater, "I'd just kind of blow it off. But when they hear the name, they always want me to get them a Beaver College T-shirt."

For the beaver, it's been a long, slow slide down the river bank. Back in the days before the big ships full of white strangers came, the beaver was plentiful - and a kind of living food bank for the Indians. They knew the creatures were fat, nutritious and easy to catch. The white men didn't give a damn about the meat. They just wanted the hides so they could send them back to Europe to be turned into high fashion head-gear for style-conscious fops. And they took the hides by the millions. The beaver population plummeted close to extinction.

Fortunately, European haute couture gave a flip of its frivolous head and poof! - beaver hats were suddenly out of fashion.

But fate wasn't finished with Castor Canadensis. The poor little guy, through no fault of his own, became an involuntary charter member of scatological slang. Time was when our national emblem was just a shy and roly-polly rodent. Nowadays, as U.S. linguist Reinhold Aman has noted, "When someone writes about beavers, one assumes this person is a zoologist, a Canadian, or works for a porn magazine."

Some critics say we never should have chosen a beaver for our national emblem, but let's face it - most of the blue chip beasts were spoken for. Britain had the lion, Russia had the bear, India the tiger. Our neighbours to the south had the magnificent bald eagle.

Magnificence, of course, is in the eye of the beholder. Listen to this description of the bald eagle: "... he is a bird of bad

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## ARTHUR BLACK

Columnist

## A better life awaits

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Last night (March 20) I went over and finally got some news - and good news, at that. The mission is over and there were no Canadian casualties! Everyone is supposed to be back here within the next five days.

God willing, we'll all get together after this is all over and have a cook-out and sit around the fire and laugh about all the B.S. At least, personally speaking, everything has been made a lot better thanks to your countrymen. You should all be very proud of the things they accomplished in the name of all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice on September 11.

I should go for now. I'll keep in touch. Hopefully, when I've finished my term of service, I'll find a home in your fine country and live life the way it was meant to be lived.

Take care.

Steven Fleenor  
from Kandahar

## Beware the consequences of 'clean &amp; clear'

To the Editor,

I am writing as a homeowner on Pringle Road in regards to an article printed in *The Minden Times* regarding the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law.

Our home and property, to us, is our castle, which we have been working on improving gradually for the past few years as money and time permit.

We are a young couple who were both raised in the beautiful [Haliburton] Highlands and both work full-time in the community. In our spare time we are working to remove falling down structures on our property and then rebuilding them with new ones. Until now we have had to make do with make-shift storage, but we are happy to say we now have a new garage to work from.

As reasonable people we realize the excessive vehicles on our property are not a pretty sight and we are planing on moving them to a more private location in the

## TOTHEEDITOR

Times readers write

near future. We use these vehicles to help ourselves, friends and family to get mobile again at a low cost. As the saying goes, "one man's junk is another man's treasure."

Addressing the remark regarding "revving engines throughout the night," [we think] this must be a dream, since we have two small children who sleep peacefully throughout the night, and we both rise early for work in the morning, so we are rarely awake past 11 p.m.

Recently some people have complained about our property and taken some photos to Minden Hills Council. We have asked to see the photos, but our request was denied. We are not sure when these photos were taken, or even if the photos were of our property.

We purchased our home on 20-acres, off the main roads, for privacy and for freedom. We also wanted to have space to have fun and not be spied on and ridiculed because of our lifestyles and hobbies.

I am urging anyone in the Township of Minden Hills who has anything on their property other than a house, a garage, a doghouse, a licensed vehicle or a swing set to get a copy of the proposed Clean and Clear By-Law as you will be targeted.

Since our property seems to be the biggest problem in the lives of some people, causing them not to sleep at night, I suggest they get a life. Our lives are too short to dwell on this issue and there are bigger problems in the world today!

Sincerely,  
Paula and Tim Reid  
Minden Hills  
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## We should be proud to come from beaver country

from page 9

moral character... like those among men who live by sharpening and robbing, he is generally poor, and often very lousy..." I didn't say that. Benjamin Franklin did.

The late Robertson Davies opined that Canada should have chosen the Canadian lynx. "It is a daring, wily, beautiful animal, swift and potentially ferocious, tenacious in defense of what is its own and never caught asleep." Bold attempt, Robertson — but try as I might, I can't picture Canada as daring, wily, ferocious or particularly swift. And anyway what exactly is wrong with celebrating an animal that is quiet, hard-working, doesn't try to kill and eat its neighbours, minds its own business and spends its working hours building homes and creating new fish habitat?

Sounds like a pretty decent neighbour to me. Say it loud and say it proud: we come from Beaver country.

## Rules govern the flying of Canadian flag

To the Editor,

As the bearer of a formal request letter asking that the flags at the Haliburton County Office on Newcastle St., be lowered due to the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, the Queen's Mother, I was a little upset as to the lack of response shown. The act of displaying the National flag, and the Provincial flag, at government, individual and service club buildings has long been a practice in Canada. It is a point that foreign tourists notice and comment upon. How proud we are of our country and provinces. However, there are certain rules that apply when we do this. To mention a few of the important ones:

1. The Canadian flag and all other flags shall be treated with dignity and the respect for who and what they represent.
2. Flags should not be allowed to touch the floor, or ground.
3. The Canadian flag will always fly highest and on the left as seen from the front, when flown with any other flag.
4. When a flag becomes worn, torn, or faded, it should be disposed of by private



burning to prevent its desecration.

Other flag etiquette can be obtained from the Department of Canadian Heritage, or its publication entitled Flag Etiquette in Canada.

The practice of placing the flag at half-mast is an international symbol of mourning. In Canada, when the Canadian flag is at half-mast, all other flags will also be at half-mast.

The Canadian flag will be half-masted throughout Canada: on the death of the sovereign or a member of the Royal family, related to the sovereign in the first degree, the Governor General or former Governor General, the Prime Minister or former Prime Minister or a federal cabinet minister.

Within the provinces, the flag will be half-mast on the death of the Lieutenant

Governor, the premier of the province or a provincial cabinet minister.

Within ridings, the flag will be half-mast on the death of a member of the house of commons, or a member of the provincial legislature.

The flags will stay at half-mast from the day of death to the day of the funeral. However, in the case of the sovereign, the flag will be raised for the day on the accession of the new monarch.

I hope this note will enlighten people as to the responsibilities of having flags outside of their places of work and their government buildings.

Noel Swift

Branch 636 Royal Canadian Legion  
Minden

## Here's a thought: love thy neighbour

To the Editor:

When your daughter calls you on the phone, voice breaking with the words, Mom, now they are saying our place is a dump, our own private dump. I try and calm her down, her husband hasn't read the article yet, printed April 1, 2002 in *The Minden Times*. She continues to say "Our Motto is: Yours To Destroy." I take a deep breath, what are you saying dear? The people across the river are slandering us the same way the other neighbours are about the Clean and Clear by-law. Neither live in Minden Hills Township; busy bodies to say the least.

Yes, we are a large family and extended family of dear friends. We all love to hold a wedding Jack and Jill, baby shower, birthday party etc. at "The Farm" as we all love to get together and have fun. Fun while the frost is out of the ground two months of the year. Our daughter, son-in-law and two

beautiful grandkids adore their home and freedom to roam and I assure you all it is black-fly haven to most.

Many of your readers have never heard of Pringle Road as it only services four properties. The Farm, two other year round residences and across the river. It is the four corners of four townships.

Our family has worked hard, dawn to dusk upgrading in all fields — pun intended, ha-ha. What has happened to life. Life is supposed to be a bowl of cherries, until you swallow a pit. That they have done. Why? Because people from who knows where buy a chunk of bush and think they are in the wilderness. Sorry. There are families here seeking out an honest living and being ridiculed for the simplest things. Give it up buddies — love thy neighbour.

Caring Mom and Ma  
Joni Brown

### The Feast of Foods at Delta PineStone Resort on Saturday night.

Wow! If you weren't there, you missed all the excitement! Seafood with an international flare, delicate salads, hearty barbequed lamb, venison, beef and chicken, and exotic desserts were just the beginning. Gordon Cressey led an auction that generated more scholarship money than ever, and the Chefs' donation of two private Feasts ended the evening with a bang!

#### There are many people to thank for the successful evening.

First of all Delta PineStone Resort and Scott de Savoye for the generous donation of the Highlands Grand Ballroom.

The following suppliers also donated food, decorating materials and linens: Kawartha Dairy, Highlands Garden Produce, Leonards Produce, Grand View Farms, Tim-Br Mart, Signature Fine Foods, Alseas, Haliburton IGA, Export Packers, Qualifirst Foods, Canadian linen, Strano Sysco, Serca, Easton's Valu-Mart, Butcher Block and Butcher Shoppe.

Volunteer waiters were students from our Eco and Adventure Tourism Program, Meredith Armstrong, James Ireland, Dave Thurgar, Lisa Ferris, Brooke Suwala, Stacey Dunegan, and Elizabeth Matthews. Janna Bowskill Bolin, Michelle White and Charles Taylor from Haliburton secondary School also volunteered their time to help.

Artists from our community, students who have taken courses, and those who teach at the college generously donated pieces of their work to create a fun and exciting auction with stellar results. Lydia VanderStall, Marta Scythes, Rene Paul Pettijean, Anne Young Nicholas, Shelly Gifford, Owl River Rafting, Dorothy Rawsthorne, Lynda Shadbolt, Anke Lex, Charles O'Neil, Wayne Cardinelli, Margot Miller, Stephen Hogbin, David Risk, Paul Portelli, Thom Lambert, Peggy Burke, Brian Ateyo, Rod Prouse, and Mary Anne Barkhouse are all to be recognized and thanked.

And of course the chefs: Chris Carl of The Old Country House Restaurant, Alex McCracken, Ron Tenthor of Georges Henri Catering, Monty Miscio of Bonnie View Inn, David Snow of Sir Sandford Fleming in Peterborough, and Delta PineStone's own Gordon Skinner were amazing to watch as they practised their art.

More than \$20,000 was raised for our scholarship and bursary fund, all due to the generosity of these and all the people who attended the Feast. Thank you all for supporting our students and for being part of Sir Sandford Fleming College's future in Haliburton.

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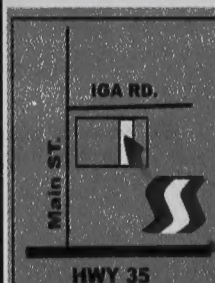


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Jim Hopkings and Mike Davy stand in front of the airplane they built together in Stanhope. Davey recently passed away and his close friend sat down with Pat McNinch to reminisce about his flying buddy.

# The man who loved airplanes

Jim Hopkings remembers his good friend Mike Davy



## STANHOPE LIFE

Pat McNinch  
489-1881

"...And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings ..."  
John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

M.C.W. (Mike) Davy loved airplanes. An RAF pilot during World War II, he flew "over the hump" in Burma. These were dangerous missions under the allied command of Britain and America. DC3s were flown over mountains and thick jungles where no landing was possible in order to supply the forces of Chiang Kai-Shek and the British 14th Army in the operation to retake Burma from the Japanese. These daring fliers had many stories to tell, but Mike Davy preferred to remember the more humorous ones.

I was listening to Mike's good friend, Jim Hopkings, in his home on Lake Kushog. "One story I remember," said Jim, "is about the time Mike's plane had to go in for

a few repairs as a result of a rather odd accident." He explained that DC3s had a device called an interrupter gear that prevented their guns from firing if anything on the plane, such as its propeller, got in the way. But, this particular day the interrupter on Mike's plane had failed and his gunner shot off part of their own tail.

Mike Davy made it home from the war to England and began his studies in aeronautical engineering. He graduated and eventually came to Canada where he met and married his wife, Barbara. Employed by DeHaviland Aircraft, Mike worked on the design of the Otter, the Twin Otter, the Caribou and the Dash 7. His particular baby, however, was the Dash 8, for which he and DeHaviland won many awards. The Dash 8 is a twin engine turboprop used throughout the world as a commuter aircraft and carries about 30 passengers. Mike left DeHaviland for a time and worked in the U.S. for several large aircraft companies. "He always enjoyed working with the Americans," Jim said, "because he felt they were pretty smart engineers and he always appreciated that."

Back in Canada again with DeHaviland, Mike worked on the world-famous water bomber. He also had an

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## FOCA seminar starts on April 20

The Spring Seminar of the Federation of Ontario Cottagers Associations is Saturday, April 20 at the Metro Toronto Police Association, 180 Yorkland Blvd., (near Sheppard Ave and the Don Valley Parkway) Toronto, Ontario.

Admission is \$35. for the full day and \$15. for lunch. The morning program begins at 9:00 a.m. and features the following topics and speakers: Mineral rights at the Cottage - Peter Griesbach, FOCA Director; Six Stages of Cottage Development - Karl Scheifer, Beak International; Update on Ontario's Dams - Ian Crawford, Manager of Water Power MNR The afternoon session starts at 1:00 p.m. and features the following: Hydro - How will deregulation affect you? - Mike McLeod, Regulatory Compliance Services and Lake Partner Program - Bev Clark MOE

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# Friendship was forged while planes were built

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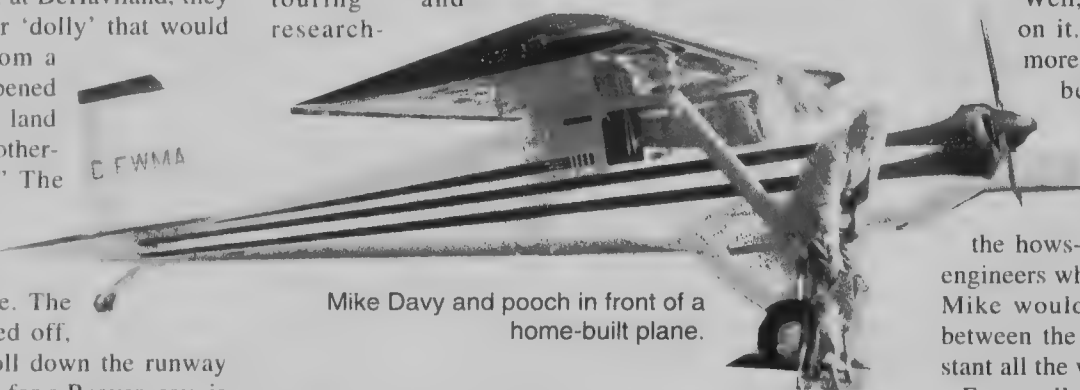
interesting project designing windshields for large passenger aircraft, like the 747. Those windshields had to be designed to withstand any errant bird or flock of birds that might fly into them. For testing purposes, (and perhaps a bit of fun), Mike and the engineers would actually fire frozen chickens at them from a chicken cannon. "Just like on Air Force," Jim noted.

Mike Davy, though a quiet and usually proper English gentleman, seems to have had some rather bizarre experiences throughout his career. Once, at DeHaviland, they were trying to design a carriage or 'dolly' that would allow float planes to take off from a grass field. "It was OK if you happened to be using wheel floats, you could land on a runway," Jim explained, "but, otherwise, you had to land on grass." The pilots could not, however, take off again with just floats on. So Mike's engineers built a four-wheel, castored dolly for the plane. The idea was that, when the plane lifted off, the dolly would just continue to roll down the runway until it stopped. "The take-off speed for a Beaver, say, is something in the order of 80 or 90 miles per hour," Jim said. "At the test the aircraft took off just fine but the dolly veered on its castors and went careening across the runway and ploughed smack into the car of the president of DeHaviland Aircraft, who was there to watch the demonstration." It was back to the drawing board for Mike and his men, who determined that the dolly could probably use some brakes, which ultimately did the trick.

Despite these occasional glitches, Mike Davy managed to become vice-president of engineering for DeHaviland,

and held that position until he retired.

Jim is also an avid pilot and used to fly planes he built himself. Years ago the two men discovered they were neighbours and realized they had lots in common. When they first met, Mike was working in Montreal and flying to Stanhope on weekends to build his cottage. He taught many people to fly at DeHaviland's flying school and began instructing at Stanhope Airport. Jim was teaching shop in Milton and wanted to develop an Aircraft Technology Program at the high school. He went with Mike to DeHaviland, where they spent several hours touring and research-



Mike Davy and pooch in front of a home-built plane.

ing skills and techniques they could develop for the students. This plan never came about as Jim's board of education was not keen on this type of program. "Of course, now," Jim says, "they are bringing people from all over the world to build aircraft, instead of having had the foresight to train our own people."

The two men became pretty good friends and, when they retired, Mike came over to Jim's one day and said he'd like to build an airplane. Jim showed him pictures of the ones he had built and a partnership was born. Mike supplied the design and engineering expertise, while Jim supplied the tools and building experience. Mike had thought of doing this before he retired and had wanted to learn how to use some of the equipment he would need. Union bosses, however, told him he could

not be in the shop picking up tools. "So he had to learn the hard way — by doing it — and with me as his teacher," Jim said.

Work on the sorts of projects that Jim and Mike undertook was painstaking and time-consuming. "Our wives had to be patient and understanding all those years," said Jim, whose building talent is not limited to airplanes. He is currently constructing a 19 foot tugboat in his workshop. Examining the beautiful lines of the boat and its meticulous detailing, I wondered how on earth he had bent the plywood on the tug's deeply curved bow. "Well, I finally just threw it in the lake with a rock on it. Worked pretty well," Jim said. With two more years and countless hours to go on the boat before it was complete, I could certainly believe his comments about those patient wives.

Each day, hours would go by with the two men working side by side, discussing the hows-and-whys and what-went-wrongs. "Like all engineers who could design huge, complicated airplanes, Mike would be just as excited about how the space between the flap and the aileron of our plane was constant all the way down," Jim said.

Eventually their first airplane was successfully completed and they had the fun of flying it. After it was sold they decided, pretty quickly, to build another. Jim showed me the second plane, entirely Mike's design. He intended to call it *The Magpie* because he had picked up bits and pieces from other planes to incorporate in his design, just as that bird collects various bright objects for its nest. About halfway finished, the small plane waits alone in Mike's workshop. Jim appeared somewhat wistful as he told me he didn't know what would become of it.

Mike died a few weeks ago and the pain of his loss is evident in his old friend's eyes as he tells me, "I can still see him toddling up to the shop with drawings in one hand and a piece of aluminum in the other saying, 'Well Jim, what are we going to do today?'"

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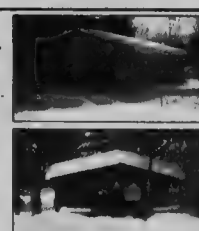
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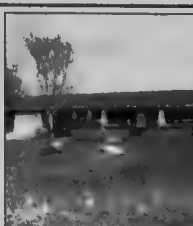
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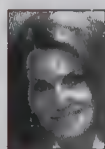
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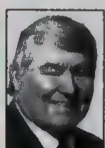
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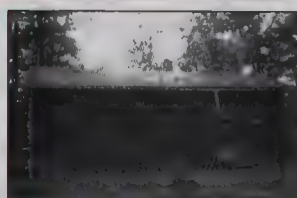
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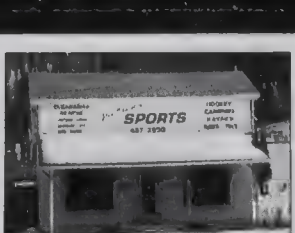
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## Lake trout plan in the works if OPSEU strike goes into May

by JERRY GROZELLE  
Times staff

A group of individuals concerned about the stocking of trout which have been reared at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association Hatchery gathered at the hatchery facility last week to discuss a contingency plan if the OPSEU strike continues.

Among the participants in the discussion were

Ministry of Natural Resources District Manager Monique Rolfvondenbeauman-Clark; Area Supervisor of the Minden District Bill Hutson, HHOA Vice-President and Hatchery Chair John Ball, Hatchery Co-ordinator Kyla Matheson and several hatchery volunteers.

Although everyone is crossing his or her fingers in hopes that the strike will be over before the fish are scheduled to be stocked in Haliburton County lakes and streams, a plan must be in place to ensure the fish make it safely to their new homes in the event of an extended strike.

If all goes well, the MNR helicopters will be airborne over Haliburton County from April 29 to May 3.

The Haliburton strain lake trout will be stocked by truck, so there is not much concern, since most of the hatchery volunteers have more than enough experience to handle the stocking process without assistance from MNR personnel if necessary.

"We're planning to go ahead," said John Ball.

About 1,500 lake trout that were raised from eggs collected from Kingscott Lake were slated to be stocked in Algonquin park lakes which are only accessible by helicopter at this time of year.

"If worst comes to worst, the fish that were scheduled

for Algonquin Park could go in Percy or another lake," said Bill Hutson.

The hatchery building is home to 10,000 Haliburton strain lake trout and the plan is to stock those fish as soon as the ice is out of the lakes far enough from shore.

There is some concern about the 30,000 speckled trout resident in the outdoor hatchery ponds. It was noted that the water temperature last Tuesday had reached 8.2 degrees C. Once the lake trout have been stocked, some of the speckled trout can be moved into the hatchery building, where the water temperature remains cooler with water fed from wells on the property. But there isn't room for all of the 30,000 specks in the hatchery tanks. If the water temperature continues to rise, in spite of the cold temperatures of the last several days, the hatchery volunteers may be stocking some of them by truck a little earlier than anticipated. A list of lakes accessible by truck will be compiled.

"We need to know where they are supposed to go and what weight goes into each lake," Ball said.

The MNR Area Supervisor assured the group that everything possible will be done to make sure the fish are stocked safely even if the strike extends past the first week of May.

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## A celebration of music 🎵



Pictured above Christine Carr plays the flute and to the right Adrian Martin shows his form on the piano.



As one of the adjudicators at this year's Haliburton Highlands Music Festival told the audience, this county has a lot to be proud of. Morning, noon and night, a steady stream of people who love to create music took to the stage at the Northern Lights Pavilion to let everyone know how much they've accomplished in the past year. Among the performers was a trio of women from Stanhope, the Tri-vocals – Chris Archer, Ellie Malcolmson and Jessie Pflug. Adjudicator Jan Szot was amazed they've been together only since Christmas. She complimented their "beautiful phrasing and really special moments." Led by Laurie Reddering, the Archie Stouffer Elementary School band also took to the stage. Szot said they've made tremendous progress in the two years they've been rehearsing together and if they give it another three years, they'll have the skills to master their instruments. The four-day festival which began April 3 and wrapped up April 6, is sponsored by The Haliburton County Echo and The Minden Times. The Festival Highlands Concert will be held this Wednesday at 7p.m. at the Northern Light Pavilion



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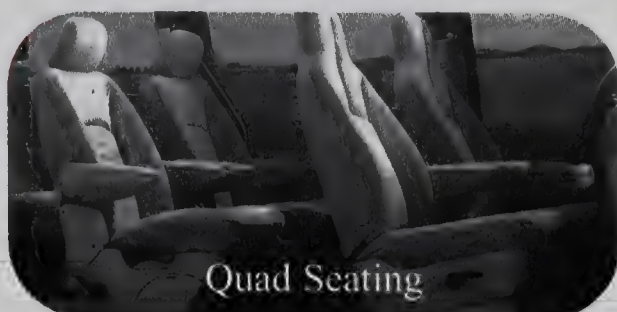
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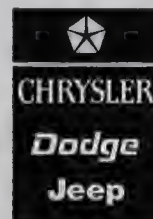
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A.J. Lester pilots his Ski-Doo over a jump during a Canadian Snocross Racing Association sanctioned race this season. He and his older brother Luke are among the best snowmobile racers in Canada. They compete in Canada and the United States. A.J. (on the right in the centre photo) competes in the Semi-Pro and Pro classes, while Luke races in the Pro division. Luke's sled of choice is Polaris. The Minden brothers have been racing the CSRA circuit for six years.

# Peewee B Storm improve skill levels

## Friendships developed between Haliburton and Minden players

by **SHERILL SHERWOOD**  
*Special to The Times*

The Peewee B Highland Storm finished the hockey season with two games against Cannington.

The first game was at the Glen Dart tournament on March 23. Two goals apiece for Mackie Campbell and Billy Kulas led the way to victory for the Storm.

On Cannington ice the next night, Andrew Cooper scored in the first period, assisted by Bradford Burke, to tie it 1-1. Burke's unassisted goal in the second period broke the tie and Robbie Sherwood's quick backhand on a beautiful pass from Brittany Hicks found its place in the net, making it 3-1.

The Storm dominated the third period as well, with two

more goals. Defensewoman Natasha McGann scored, with an assist from Mackie Campbell, followed by another one off the stick of Steven Kerr. Burke also assisted on the fifth goal.

J.D. Crowe solidly guarded Storm's net during both games.

Michelle Winfield's strong game turned the play around and led to shots on Cannington's goalie. Brittney VanNood's aggressive defensive play frustrated Cannington's offense. Jake Findeis ruled in the opposition's zone with intimidating moves and his strong stick handling. Missing were vacationing Tyler Box and Jake Ruddy, who was sick.

As skill levels between players became less noticeable and positions were changed to fit the players, this team evolved into a group that could be brilliant at times. The

most noticeable feature about this team was its positive attitude, win or lose.

New friendships forged from the Minden/Haliburton amalgamation have enriched players' and parents' lives.

Coach Richard VanNood's guidance and patience helped the players find confidence in their abilities.

This hockey team could be held up as an example of what it really means to have fun in hockey.

Helping Coach VanNood were Bill Kerr, Russell Morrison, Steve Crowe, Dave Sherwood and Managers Drew and Caroline Winfield.

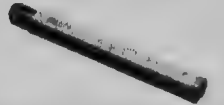
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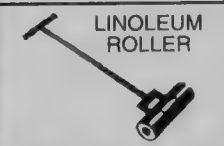
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# Peewee AE Storm finish season as All-Ontario finalist

by ANDY LENNOX  
Special to The Times

The Peewee AE Storm with Dorchester, a town about five miles outside London, for the All-Ontario Peewee AE(4) Championship.

## Storm 4, Dorchester 1

Game one got off to a rough start for the Storm when, on his first shift of the day, speedy Max Ambridge was ejected for a very close "hitting from behind" call.

Dorchester had already established a pattern of pressure in the Storm zone and continued with the momentum. Five minutes into the game Dorchester drew first blood when a high slap shot from the point eluded a screened Mike Lennox in the Storm net.

The Storm tied the game within thirty seconds, though, when Cody Mills tapped in his own rebound. Four minutes later Tyler Watson scored, with an assist going to Mills, to give the Storm a 2-1 lead.

The score remained at 2-1 for the rest of the first and most of the second period. Dorchester held the clear edge in play widely outshooting the Storm, but the focused and effective goaltending of Lennox and the "bend-but-don't-break" work by defense corps Kenton Winn, Derek Nesbitt, Jon Petch and Ryan Scheffee kept Dorchester off the board.

Mills scored again late in the second period, with an assist going to Dallyn Smith to

give the Storm a 3-1 lead despite being outplayed by the opposition.

The pattern continued in the third period with Dorchester peppering numerous shots at Lennox, but Mills sunk Dorchester's chances with his third goal of the game, this time a pretty shorthanded effort, with three minutes left in the game.

## Dorchester 6, Storm 0

We did not play better in Game two, in fact we played worse.

Dorchester thoroughly dominated this game from beginning to end. Goalie Ian Sachs kept Dorchester off the scoreboard in the first period with some fine goaltending and when the first period ended in a 0-0 tie the Storm fans were wondering if we could steal another one, while the Dorchester fans must have been wondering what they had to do to buy a goal in this series.

However, Dorchester's pressure just became too much and the home team scored four unanswered goals in the second frame to take control of the game. Two more goals in the third period finished off the Storm.

## Dorchester 6, Highland Storm 3

For the first two periods this was a great hockey game, despite some questionable officiating that resulted in nine penalties per side over the first two periods. The Storm and Dorchester traded a number of quality scoring chances and goals and after

two periods of play the game was deadlocked at 3-3. Tyler Watson, Jordan Joanu and Cody Mills scored the three Storm goals. Mills, Watson and Jon Petch also notched assists. Goalie Mike Lennox contributed a number of quality saves to keep the Storm in the contest. Dallyn Smith worked hard on the wing to generate some good scoring chances.

And then disaster struck. The Storm was called for nine consecutive penalties in the third period. Dorchester was penalty-free. Dorchester scored three unanswered goals and the perpetually short-handed Storm could not mount a counter attack.

## Dorchester 4, Highland Storm 2

The refs let the boys play in this game (a total of four minors called) and the fans were rewarded with an exciting, tight hockey game.

The first period ended in a scoreless tie. The Storm had a number of good scoring chances and Storm goalie Ian Sachs made a number of key saves to keep Dorchester off the board. Derek Nesbitt and Kenton Winn were strong on defense to keep the game scoreless.

Dorchester drew first blood early in the second period. Tyler Watson replied with assists from Ryan Scheffee and Max Ambridge seven minutes later to tie the game. Then, with four minutes left in the second frame, a flurry of scoring erupt

Dorchester scored and then the Storm

replied 30 seconds later when Ambridge knocked one in from Petch. Thirty seconds after that Dorchester scored again on a breakaway to take a 3-2 lead.

The third period was scoreless. Kyle Fry, Joe Gallagher and Zach Pierson and all the other Storm players battled hard to try to get the key tying goal. The Storm coach pulled the goalie in the last minute and Dorchester potted the insurance goal into the open cage to ice the victory and the championship.

## Great season

The Peewee AE Storm played very well in its home stand against Dorchester in the Group 4 finals but unfortunately it could not buy a win. Dorchester won the championship three games to one.

And so, a memorable season comes to a close. The players had a great year - they played some great hockey and made some new friends. They had fun all year.

The season capped off with a nice little celebration at the Duke of Dysart which provided free wings for all the players. Jody Joanu contributed a huge cake for dessert.

Thanks to the coaching staff of Jim Winn, Gary Burch, Drew Mitchell, Tracy Nesbitt, Tim Smith and Brian Sachs for all their work. Thanks to the sponsors G.J. Burch Construction and Haliburton Home Hardware.

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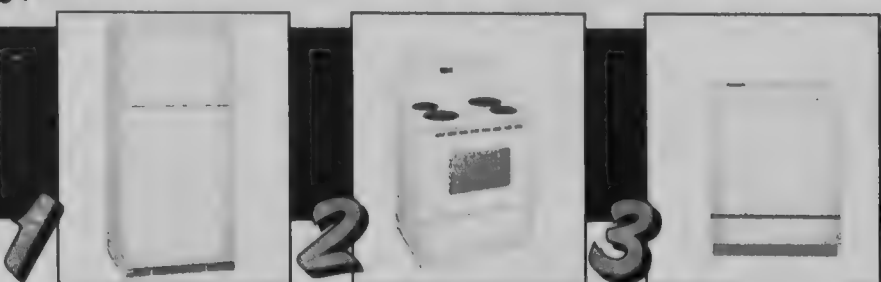
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### Sweeping up

Jaimee Gardner of the Carleton Heights Curling Club, near Ottawa helps guide a rock into the house during a Saturday morning game at the Minden Curling Club. Her team was among the participants in the Bantam division of the OCA/Pepsi Bantam and Junior Provincial Championships.

## CARNARVON BOWLING

### Thursday Afternoon League (March 28)

High average: Ken Thompson 218; Beverley Alexander 222  
High single: Alf Briscoe 257; Beverley Alexander 286  
High single (handicap): Alf Briscoe 281; Helen Skelding 318  
High triple: Ken Thompson 649; Beverley Alexander 667  
High triple (handicap): Alf Briscoe 706; Helen Skelding 793

### Tuesday Afternoon League (April 2)

High average: Ken Thompson 216; Mona Benn 191  
High single: Bruce Ross 259; Jean Pugh 214  
High single (handicap): Bruce Ross 297; Jean Pugh 259  
High triple: Ken Thompson 707; Jean Pugh 598  
High triple (handicap): Jim Finley 742; Jean Pugh 738

### Wednesday Afternoon League (April 3)

High average: Ken Thompson 220; Marie Thompson 187  
High single: Vic Ross 268; Mona Benn 237  
High single (handicap): Vic Ross 316; Mona Benn 268  
High triple: John Whitty 675; Mona Benn 541  
High triple (handicap): Vic Ross 791; Diane Platt 668

### Thursday Afternoon League (April 4)

High average: Ken Thompson 252; Marylene Welch 180

High single: Ken Thompson 275; Sharon Barnhart 246  
High single (handicap): Alf Briscoe 250; Sharon Barnhart 321  
High triple: Ken Thompson 757; Marylene Welch 540  
High triple (handicap): Walter Braker 674; Sharon Barnhart 737

## MINDEN BOWLING

### Monday Night Mixed Match Play

(March 25)  
High average: Scott Moore 248; Cathy Snell 230  
High single: Gerry Wagg 275; Michelle Moore 248  
High single (handicap): Gerry Wagg 297; Michelle Moore 262  
High triple: Scott Moore 700; Cathy Snell 674  
High triple (handicap): John Tompos 766; Michelle Moore 714

### Monday Night Mixed Match Play

(April 1)  
High average: Scott Moore 248; Cathy Snell 231  
High single: Scott Moore 343; Cathy Snell 275  
High single (handicap): Doug Schell 269; Teresa Clement 284  
High triple: Scott Moore 760; Cathy Snell 731  
High triple (handicap): Doug Schell 700; Erin Moore 686

### Legion 636 Mixed League

High average: Bob Vankoughnet 191; Maxine Cross 161  
High single: Bob Vankoughnet 236; Flo Roussel/June Anderson 172  
High single (handicap): Len Kroes

268; Flo Roussel 251  
High triple: Bob Vankoughnet 582; June Anderson 458  
High triple (handicap): Pat Scadden 718; Lynne Kusmenko 670

### Tuesday Night Mixed League (April 2)

High average: Scott Moore 251; Cathy Snell 239  
High single: Scott Moore 273; Cathy Snell 273  
High single (handicap): Norm Goldenberg 263; Gail Goldenberg 260  
High triple: Scott Moore 705; Cathy Snell 705  
High triple (handicap): Gord McAllister 712; Gail Goldenberg 604

### Thursday Afternoon Seniors' League (March 28)

High average: Eddie Dykstra 195; Mona Benn 187  
High single: Ed Braithwaite 255; Grace Chapman 239  
High single (handicap): Ed Braithwaite 282; Eleanor Lymer 275  
High triple: Don Chapman 601; Grace Chapman 606  
High triple (handicap): Don Chapman 733; Eleanor Lymer 708

### Thursday Night Mixed League (March 28)

High average: Doug Reinwald 216; Deb Cox 168  
High single: Doug Reinwald 225; Helen McKirdy 215  
High single (handicap): Carl Hie 238; Helen McKirdy 276  
High triple: Doug Reinwald 639; Helen McKirdy 503  
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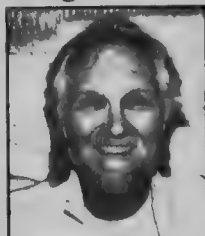


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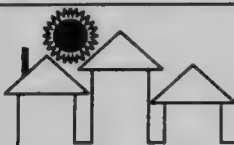
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# Phantom top scorer in Stanhope contract bridge



## AROUND THE TOWN

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You meet

some of the nicest people when writing this column. Case in point, Gail Leach-Wunker. Gail, newsletter editor for the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group, and I had chatted via the e-mail about notices she was submitting. She kindly offered to pass along my paternal great grandfather's name to relative Russ Wunker in North Carolina where his research of the American Civil War includes the role of Canadians. My ancestor William Philip lived in Galt, Ontario with his wife Mary Jane Odium and six children. An accountant by profession he suddenly found himself paymaster for Company "M" of the Second Michigan Cavalry Regiment. Small in stature, William had never even been on a horse before a mixture of patriotic fervor and Galt tavern whiskey inspired him to cross the border overnight and enlist. Original letters dated 1864 and 1866 tell two very different stories. The first, from Camp Centre Star on the banks of the Tennessee River, describes seeing the glow across the water from the Confederate campfires. The second, from Detroit, is full of despair as he struggles to get back home ill and destitute. I am much looking forward to the Group's June meeting when Russ will speak and I can thank him for the information he provided on the Regiment and its battles. Meanwhile the Group's next meeting on Wednesday, April 10 at the Minden Library will focus on the work of the Greater Harvey Historical Society. Plan to attend this interesting presentation with speakers Galway-Cavendish-Harvey Councillor Guy Scott and Pam Dickie. The meeting starts at 7 o'clock (doors open at 6 p.m.).

At the Kinmount Artisans Marketplace,

April class schedules include a project with Sandra Weyrich, a decorated pegboard with Judy Bunville and a One Stroke Folk Art session with Lori Raymond. For information or registration, give Sandra

a call at 286-4370.

Be sure to also mark down Saturday, May 11 when the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild's Spring Thing Bazaar will be held upstairs in the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with great gifts for home and garden.

The Kinmount Committee for Planning and Economic Development is holding its Eighth Annual Dinner Auction on Saturday, May 4 at the Galway Community Centre. Tickets for this fun-filled evening sell out quickly so give Diane a call at 705-488-2635. The Committee also has a second fund-raiser under way this time in support of a Victorian gazebo on the old water tower base beside the Railway Station. The Hansa Gazebo Rose, with its large purple-fragrant blooms is hardy from zones two to nine. Available for pickup at the Station at 9 a.m. on Saturday June 1, the cost for each container-grown bush is \$12. To place your order please contact 705-488-9954.

### And now for the scoring news:

**Thursday, March 28 euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636:** For most lone hands, it was Vi Edgson for the ladies and Milton Fletcher for the men. High score honours for ladies/men went to Iris Taylor and Pat Bailey, with Helen Skelding and Orville Francis taking the second high set of scores. Other prizes were won by Iris Taylor, Elva Paisley, Bess Cox and Bill Van Dyke.

**Friday, March 29 duplicate bridge at Echo Lane, Haliburton:** In first with 65% were Nick and Maria Lehoczy and in second Fred and Ev Vanderland with 55%.

**Saturday, March 30 bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace, Minden:** Norm Lee was in first place with 292, followed by Elva Paisley 250. The hidden score trio was Jean Scadden, Margaret Fletcher, and Pearl Cowen. Moonshots went to Kevin Maloney, Norm Lee, Margaret Fletcher, Pat Roussel and Ruth Kellett. Ruth reports that, starting in April, birthdays will be celebrated once each month.

**Monday, April 1 euchre at Club 35, Halls Lake:** In the lone hand column it was Sharon Evans, with Olive Jones high lady and Rob Evans high man. Low score honours went to Marion Farr for the ladies and Wally Harpur for the gents. Barb Robitaille took home the baloney.

**Monday April 1 cribbage at the Minden Legion Branch 636:** In first place was Jim Foster and Esther Lee took second. Draw winners were Ed Hisson, Don Burch, and Elva Paisley.

**Monday April 1 euchre at the Friendship Club, St. Paul's Anglican Church, Minden:** The lone hand winners were Marian Stickwood for the men and Verna McDonald for the ladies. Norm Lee was high man and Gwen Cox was high lady, while Jean Keliele and Don Hicks had the low scores of the day. Draw winners Gala Stamp and Jean Keliele extended their sympathies to Bill Mosley who not only got skunked but also tricked on April Fool's Day. Thanks to Katie Parker for her report.

**Monday, April 1 bid euchre at the Kinmount Legion Branch 441:** Rob Evans was first with Kevin Maloney in second place. Both also took a moonshot along with Ken Young who had two. Elva Paisley and Roger Fournier won the special draws.

**Tuesday, April 2 bid euchre at the Minden Legion Branch 636:** Gala Stamp led the top four in first place, followed by Jack Chilton, Howard Schmit, and Rob Evans. Single moonshot winners were Don Burch, Gala Stamp, Rob Evans and Ida Young, while Gladys Wruth broke the bank with three. Hidden scores went to

Georgie Parkes, Marg Fletcher and our reporter Marie Dennie.

**Tuesday, April 2 euchre at Gelert:** Audrey Vick reports that Isabelle Saunders was high lady and Gala Newell low. For the men, Gene Newell took the high score and Betty Curry the low. Lone hand holder Bob Vick, and Emily Harvie with the special prize completed the winner's circle.

**Tuesday, April 2 Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Club mixed shuffleboard:** The team of Syd Lockhart and Laura Carnegie took high score honours with 491, followed by Beverley Alexander and Helen Skelding 428 and Pearl Cowen and Hazel Dorman 304. It was Nick Nimigon and Lil Allen holding the low score with 151 points.

**Tuesday, April 2 contract bridge at Stanhope:** We could call this the "Phantom of the Stanhope Library." With players to fill only 4 1/2 tables two "phantom players" were added to the roster. One ended up with the top score of 6550. Muriel McIntosh was second with 6130, Reet Murray third with 6050, and Betty Roszell fourth with 5990. There were two small slams by Diane Boll and Muriel McIntosh and Wynne Hansen with Reet Murray. Harold Cox won the lucky draw.

**Wednesday, April 3 duplicate bridge at Park Lane, Haliburton:** In first was the partnership of Willie and Jack Cox with 58% followed by Muriel McIntosh and Stella McMillan at 56%.

**Wednesday, April 3 euchre at Stanhope:** There were 12 moonshots – a record since I've been writing this column – going to Gala Stamp, Chris Clarke, Olive Jones, Muriel Harrington, Marg Coffey, Bill Milford, Jean Scadden, Jean and Stan Dutka, Ray Moore, Marcel Roussel and Norm Lee. For the pinks, Olive Jones had high score with 294, followed by Verna Sawyer 267 and Ruth Kellett 250. Bill Milford led the whites with 299, then Rob Evans 286, and Stan Dutka 282.

**Wednesday, April 3 euchre at the**

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Mr. Lee Bentley  
Lot 17 Concession 10, Kawagama Lake  
Geographic Township of Sherborne

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has by resolution declared part of an original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 17 Concession 10, Kawagama Lake, in the geographic Township of Sherborne, now in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

**TAKE NOTICE** that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 17 Concession 10, Sherborne described as follows:

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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, North Shore Road, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2002 at the hour of 11:00 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

**Dated:** March 15, 2002

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Applicant: Mr. Bruce Hicks  
Lot 9 Concession 11, Saskatchewan Lake  
Geographic Township of Stanhope

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The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, North Shore Road, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May, 2002 at the hour of 11:15 a.m., and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

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### A fish story

The winner of Minden Live Bait's 12th anniversary fishing derby was Gary Kernohan, left, of Minden, who pulled an 11.3 lb lake trout out of Twelve Mile Lake in front of the Red Umbrella Inn Jan. 3. For his efforts he received an ice auger, presented by store owner Jack Saunders. Second prize winner was Brian Commack of Coboconk and third prize winner was Ken Stalker of Soyers Lake. Ninety people entered the derby and 23 brought fish home.

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## Let the sun shine at Hyland Crest

We finally woke up to sunshine this morning and we all agreed it made us feel better. This weather seems to have everyone down in the dumps, with its drab snowy and rainy days. We needed this pick-me-up and we are hoping it stays with us. Let us hope our news from the past week is better than the weather has been.

We'll start off on a cheery note by telling of our lovely Birthday Tea, which took place last Thursday. The Minden Lionesses spoiled us with baked goodies and a beautiful birthday cake to celebrate all the birthdays in March. Thank you ladies, it was an enjoyable afternoon and all was delicious.

Good Friday, being the holiday, was quiet, giving us the opportunity to reflect on the meaning of Easter in our own way.

Saturday downstairs we filled our sweet tooth with mint ice cream sundaes. They were great, even after our lunch we made room.

We would like to commend our auxiliary for the great job they are doing with the Treat Wagon. They haven't been doing it long but they have caught right on and we enjoy seeing them every week.

Sunday brought mint ice cream sundaes to the upstairs crowd and they were just as big a hit with this

### SENIOR LEAGUE

#### News from Hyland Crest

group. We had a busy Sunday, with ice cream a hymn sing and then an Easter trivia. We also read from a book called Women at the Well by Betty Robinson, so yes we were kept quite busy Sunday. We were pleased to see many visitors over the holiday weekend with people coming in and out, residents going to family members' homes or just out to dinner, it all brought the essence of the holiday together. The dietary staff needs to be given credit also for the delicious Easter ham dinner with all the trimmings including lemon meringue pie, which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Tuesday Pastor Taylor was ill. We hope he is feeling well now. Linda Robertson led us in Chapel service as we held a memorial for Eleanor Pye. It was nice to have her daughter and daughter-in-law attend, as we remembered a lady who always greeted you with a smile. We will miss this lovely lady. Tuesday afternoon at Crafts had us decorating our spring bonnets to wear to our Friendship Tea, which will be held at Zion United Church on April 17th. Dottie and Brenda do a great job at helping us with crafts, thanks for giv-

ing that extra touch to all our special occasions.

Wednesday, Linda had us working hard at Keep Fit, which is very important to all of us. Cards on Wednesday brought two tables with lots of laughs. At present, we do not have the results of the games but will fill you in next week. Laura was busy again with everyone's nails and we sure do appreciate her taking the time to give us a boost. Pub Night Wednesday brought the Norland Hillbillies. Not only was there music, but Ken Diebel read us a few verses of song by Hank Williams Sr. and Hank Snow, this is a nice touch to end a great evening. Bruce Tibbles was kind enough to play the harmonica which was enjoyed by all. Our thanks to Connie for her filling in and getting us to this event along with Pearl and Jim and Joan. We would like to welcome Margaret and Nelson LeClair to our home. We hope you both settle in nicely and enjoy your stay with us. We would like to thank Susan Smith (Lilian Harrison's God-daughter) for donating three boxes of birthday cards to share with all our birthday residents here in our home.

Our birthdays this month are Frank Young, Vera Stevens and Marj Watt. Happy Birthday one and all.



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"By-Law No. 02-21, a by-law to regulate the maintenance of properties within the Township of Minden Hills, a by-law to Clean and Clear", received first and second reading at the regular meeting of Council held on Thursday, March 28, 2002. The by-law is scheduled to receive third reading at the regular Council meeting on April 25, 2002.

The Clean and Clear By-Law is available for pick-up at the Front Counter of the Township of Minden Hills Administration office, 7 Milne Street or on the Township website at [www.minden.on.ca](http://www.minden.on.ca).

Anyone wishing to comment or requiring further information on this by-law should contact before April 24, 2002:

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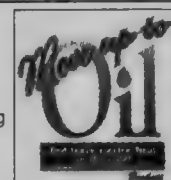
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**THE ELLIS FAMILY** would like to thank the Minden Junior Curling Volunteers for all their good work with our kids at the Minden Rink & also in Chesley. And to you Rawn - "Good on ya mate!"

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**IN LOVING MEMORY** of Carl S. Francis, husband, father, grandpa & great grandpa, who passed away April 3rd, 1992. Although we smile and make no fuss,

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### 460 OBITUARIES

#### AT REST

#### PAMELA ELENAH WRIGHT

At Eagle Ridge Hospital, Coquitlam, British Columbia on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 after a 2 month illness, in her 86th year. Pam was predeceased by her husband Allan and will be missed by her 3 sons, Tim and Sue of Minden, Ontario; Phil and Bella of 100 Mile House, B.C.; Dave and Leann of Kamloops B.C.; 7 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She was born in Toronto but lived most of her life in West Flamoborough, Ontario; Antigua, W.I.; and Maple Ridge, B.C. Throughout her adult life she was a fantastic mom, artist and art teacher. Much of her early work was done in the Haliburton Highlands where she was instrumental in forming the Haliburton Art Society. She had her own "Studio Gallery" in Antigua for 18 years and her paintings are enjoyed by people from around the world. Many are in private collections including one in the N.A.S.A. Space Exhibit Hall in the U.S.A. While in Antigua she organized free lessons for children, gave private lessons and founded the Antigua Arts Society. Her work and teaching kept up when she moved to Maple Ridge in 1985 where she quickly became involved in the art community. Her love of travel and meeting new people led her to study and paint all over the world including Italy, Bahamas, Mexico, Greece, Turkey, China, the South Pacific and Australia. She continued painting every day until she was hospitalized in January. Pamela was a lady with a lot of flair and class and will be missed by all of us. A celebration of Pamela's life will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Main St., Minden, ON, K0M 2K0 (1-888-588-5777) on Saturday, April 13, 2002 at 2:00 pm with a reception to follow at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the "Pamela Wright Art Scholarship Fund" at Gleneagle Secondary School, Coquitlam, B.C., and can be made through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd.

### 460 OBITUARIES

#### PHIL DOWN

age 37 years  
at Mt. Sinai Hospital Toronto on **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2002**  
Beloved husband of Jill (Arbuthnot) Down. Dear father of Spencer. Loving son of Joan & Bruce Down and son-in-law of Yvonne & Allan Arbuthnot. Dear brother of Susan & Peter Knowlton; Patti & Gord Sharp; Jennifer & Dave Anderson and brother-in-law to Scott and Toni. He will be sadly missed by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Arrangements entrusted to **The Northcutt Elliott Funeral Home** 53 Division St. N. Bowmanville. Funeral service 3 pm Saturday at The Ebenezer United Church, Courtice. Cremation. Memorial donations may be made to The Spencer Down Memorial Trust Fund. Visitation 2-4 & 7-9 pm Friday at the funeral home and 1-3 pm Saturday at the church. CA

#### "JACK" PENTTI JAAKKO VALLI

Unexpectedly at home on April 4, 2002 in his 69th year. Pre-deceased by his parents Jaakko and Anna and his sister Hellen. Dear dad of Pentti and his wife Sarah. Proud Grampa of Addie, Emma and Jack. He will be sadly missed by his many friends in Toronto and Minden. Friends may visit at the Jerrett Funeral Home, 6191 Yonge Street, North York, (2 lights South of Steeles) on Saturday, April 13th from 12 noon until service time in the chapel at 1:00 p.m. Interment Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. If desired memorial donations may be made to the Heart and Stroke Foundation.

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• **Thursdays & Fridays:** Ontario Breast Screening Program. For women 50 year and over, screening on Thursdays and Fridays at Ross Memorial Hospital. No doctor referral necessary. Call Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. for an appointment, (705) 328-6175.

• **The Haliburton Highlands Prostate Cancer Support Group** meets the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m., in the Fireside lounge at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizen's Home in Minden. All men and the women who love them are welcome. For info., please call Rick Ratcliff at 286-6699 or email: leacliff@sympatico.ca.

• **April 10, 17 & 24:** Folk Art Classes at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Also, April 17 & 24 Beginner Folk Art Classes from 7 - 9 p.m. with Linda Smith. Call 766-9968 for more info.

• **April 12, 19 & 26:** Yoga Class, with Allie Chisholm-Smith, MES, B.A. Honours, from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Call Allie at 789-0367 for more info.

• **April 12, 19 & 26:** Playgroup at the Dorset Recreation Centre, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Open to parents/caregivers and their pre-school children. Toys, activities, songs, crafts and parenting info. Call Elise at 766-1382 for more info.

• **April 8:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m., Extencicare Activity Room, Park St., Haliburton. For info, call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.

• **April 8, 9, 10 & 11:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. \$1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.

• **April 9:** Alzheimer Society Support Groups Haliburton are holding informal support meetings. Bring your concerns, you are not alone. We will bring the refreshments. 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. or 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Staanworth Terrace, 44 Parkside St., Minden. For info, call Janet Bottum at 457-8335.

• **April 10:** Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the Minden Library (doors open at 6 p.m.) Everyone welcome. Speakers will be Guy Scott and Pam Dickie from the Greater Harvey Historical Society. Bring and Win raffle. Refreshments available.

• **April 10:** Foot Clinic at the Dorset Recreation Centre. Please call Ebba Russell for information or to book an appointment, 766-2264.

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• **April 11 & 25:** Seniors' Friendship Luncheon at 12 noon, Dorset Recreation Centre. Call Donna Nairn at 789-0876 for information or to reserve.

• **April 12:** Snowball Wrap-up Party at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There will be a celebration for all sponsors and volunteers at 6 p.m. Please RSVP, 766-9968 by April 15.

• **April 13:** You are invited to an Open House celebrating the work of Public Health Inspectors, 1 to 4 p.m., Health Unit Office, 108 Angeline St., Lindsay. Sponsored by HKPRD.

• **April 14:** On Sunday, April 14, the Minden United Church will be hosting the 'Highlands Brass Quintet' at our 11 a.m. morning service. Everyone is welcome.

• **April 14:** 1 p.m. The Haliburton County Horsemen's Association will be having a clinic with Dr. Laurie Brown, hosted by Silhouette Stable. Topics will include sheath cleaning and dental care. If interested there will be a demonstration afterwards of clipping techniques used to tidy up a horse's face and legs. Non-members welcome. Call 286-2257 for more information.

• **April 15, 16, 17 & 18:** Loonie Night at the Dorset Recreation Centre, Dorset. Badminton, Floor Hockey, Basketball and Volleyball, consecutively. 5:30 - Juniors, 6:30 - Adults. \$1 or free to members. Call 766-9968 for info.

• **April 16:** Community Policing Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All welcome.

• **April 18:** Join the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists to learn about "Bees and Honey" from Jean and Dave Eyre at 7:30 p.m. at the Glebe Park Museum, 286-1590.

• **April 18:** Highland Ladies On the Go Social (LOGS). Topic: Opportunity to ask questions on how to support people who are crisis survivors. Leadership: Laura Ostler, Victim Services, Ontario Provincial Police. For the April 18 event please telephone 286-4922 for the location and indicating your interest. Please plan on bringing a contribution to the Food Banks. Please plan on bringing a contribution to the Food Banks. Watch for future LOGS events. Locations will vary from social to social. Plan on attending and bring a friend.

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